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The bill amends the Electrical Administrative Act to establish specific reciprocity requirements by which individuals seeking licensure as an electrician from other states could be licensed in Michigan without examination. Subsection (1) permits the department to license, without examination, applicants licensed in other states having requirements that are determined to be equivalent to Michigan's requirements and conditioned on the other state offering reciprocity. The Department of Labor & Economic Growth would be required to make written or electronic inquiries to all states licensing electricians regarding execution of reciprocal agreements. A reciprocal agreement is required to assure that each state with which there is an agreement does at least the following:

- Issues an identification card with the expiration date and the category or class limitation printed on the card.
- Is available to verify license status for enforcement purposes.
- Has disqualification, suspension, and revocation standards.
- Requires applicants to submit to a criminal history records check pursuant to applicable state and federal law.
- Requires that the electrician possess a license in good standing from his or her home state.
- Allows for unlimited or limited licensure, depending on the categories or classes for which applicants can be qualified, including developing categories and classes in alternative and renewable energy systems.

Legislative reporting is required, including a quarterly report detailing efforts made to contact other states regarding execution of reciprocal agreements and an annual report on the number of reciprocal licenses issued to out-of-state applicants in Michigan and to Michigan applicants in other states.

The current language relating to issuance of a sign specialty license to a person licensed or registered in another state if it is determined that the state's standards meet or exceed those in Michigan would be repealed.